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## *from the editor's desk*

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*A Challenge Accepted*

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*Hamburgers vs. Nudes*

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By an inadvertent remark concerning this column, we provoked an expression of scorn from the ex-editor last week challenging us to continue his brain child. You asked for it, fella, so here goes.

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**Now that the World's Fair to end all world's fairs (we hope) has opened in a crashing crescendo of political publicity for Mr. Roosevelt, we feel that we ought to give a well earned break to the press agent who for weeks has deluged this office with his squibs. Nestled among the less important items we found this lead that struck our fancy.**

**Great American Hamburger to Be Glorified by Fair**

**This information ought to please the San Francisco officials who are busy glorifying Sally Rand and her nude ranch. What'll it be, boys? New York, or San Francisco? Hamburgers or nudes? Anybody got a coin?**

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Each incoming Hamilton freshman is asked at the start of the year why he chose this college. Here is one answer we'll wager didn't make that questionnaire. We are indebted to Mr. A. P. Ames, '98, for sending this item from the New York Post of April 27.

"Terhune Herrick, son of Elinore Herrick of the National Labor Relations Board, wanted to enroll at the University of Virginia, went to one house party there and changed his mind...His mother decided to find a college she thought he'd like, and so Mrs. Herrick went through a university directory and selected seven schools. She then began telephoning the presidents of each of those schools...After six calls she phoned Hamilton College and asked to speak to President Cowley..."Dr. Cowley," she began, "I'm Elinore Herrick of the National Labor Relations Board." ..."Good Lord," Dr. Cowley replied, "what have I done now?"... Mrs. Herrick liked that natural response—and so Terhune Herrick now is a student at Hamilton College."

## Carnegie Tests Are Taken by Students

Hamilton College students today took a series of tests for which none of them had even to crack a book. The American Council on Education prepared the tests for the three lower classes, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching prepared those for the seniors.

The purpose of the senior's tests is to give each last year man a comprehensive inventory of his achievements in various departments during his college years. And the Carnegie Foundation will be able to compare Hamilton College with other institutions.

The seniors took six tests in all. They dealt with Physics and Chemistry, Literature and Fine Arts, Biological Sciences, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Verbal Aptitude.

The three lower classes took approximately the same tests and these were on contemporary affairs, English literature and general culture.

The exams are to be rated, and not graded. They are not intelligence tests or vocational aptitude tests, and one student will not prove anything by comparing his results with that of another student. One student may, however, compare his result with the entire group rating. The scores will be comparative.

## Hamilton Fraternities Begin Spring Houseparty Friday

### Over 200 Girls Are Guests Of Hill Undergraduates For Festivities

The annual Spring Houseparty week-end will bring over 200 girls to Hamilton fraternities Friday to be the guests of the undergraduate members. The largest delegation of girls from one school will be coming from Syracuse University. Wells College will afford the next largest representation. The Psi Upsilon house has the greatest number of guests with over thirty planning to attend its party.

Besides the regular fraternity dances on Friday and Saturday nights there will be athletic contests, picnics, and a D. T. tea dance to entertain the couples. A unique feature of this houseparty will be the victrola dance to be held by the Squires Club in the Hall of Commons on Saturday night. This is the first time the non-fraternity men have entered into houseparty festivities as a group.

The list of guests, chaperons, and orchestras for the various fraternity houses is as follows:

**Sigma Phi**—Louise Quinby, New York City; Barbara Whipple, New York City; Jean Haslam, Westfield, N. J.; Nancy Morris, Orange, N. J.; Jean Wise, Connecticut College; Celine Roll, Scarborough; Mary Ann Maclaughen, Pleasantville; Ruth Haussler, New York City; Lucy McCoy, Wells; Ann Louise Scarret, Kansas City Mo.; Isabel Russel, Boston; Dody Baker, Buffalo; Mary Shiverick, Chicago; Eleanor Little, Bronxville; Polly Pell, Jamaica, Long Island; Dodie Hemenway, Buffalo; Ann Quinby, New York City; Jeannie Sivearinger, Lakewood; Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. VanDusen, Mr. and Mrs. Haussler; Band: Jimmy Jay.

**Alpha Delta Phi**—Dorothy Rahmann, Summit, N. J.; Barbara Bickle, Syracuse; Barbara Hopkins, Syracuse; Phyllis Blocksidge, Syracuse; Shirley Clark, Mt. Vernon; Dorothy Kitchell, Chicago; Carolyn Lawson, Baltimore; Margaret Brown, Baltimore; Phyllis Peterson, Baltimore; Alice Atlee, White Plains; Jean Pilling, Westfield, N. J.; Judy McClellan, New Rochelle; Dorothy VanHorne, Larchmont; Joan Mallory, Manchester, Conn.; Helen Judson, Syracuse; Cyrena Sneath, Scarsdale; Peggy Paine, West Newton, Mass.; Dorothy Baldwin, Vassar; Jane Wischmeyer, Vassar; Kay Cary, Vassar; Midge Hubachek, Glencoe, Ill.; Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Michael, Utica; Band: Charlie Trudau.

**Psi Upsilon**—Betty Jane Ryan, Syracuse; Alice Jones, Utica; Mary Heath, Rochester; Ibbie Mc-

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## Sub-Freshman Plans Nearing Completion

With the sub-freshman week-end only ten days away, plans for the visitors are rapidly being completed. At least seventy-five men have indicated that they plan to visit the Hill the week-end of the thirteenth, and have asked for more information concerning it, according to Mr. Weld, who is in charge of the affair. In addition to these men, ten alumni have said they will bring interested men to the Hill.

Mr. Weld urges all undergraduates to stay on the Hill throughout the affair, as the success of it will depend largely upon the entertainment that can be given the sub-freshman at the fraternity houses.

A full program is anticipated for the week-end, with opportunities to play golf and tennis, the all-college dinner, the interclass and interfraternity sings, and the baseball game with R. P. I. heading the list in the way of activities.

### *Houseparty Calendar*

**Friday, May 5**

Baseball game with Bard at 5:00.
Tennis match with Union at 5:00.
Formal dances at fraternity houses, 10:00 to 4:00.

**Saturday, May 6**

Track Meet with R. P. I. at 2:30.
Golf Match with Union at 2:30.
Informal D. T. dance at Sigma Phi Place at 4:00.
Informal dances at fraternity houses, 9:30 to 1:00.

**Sunday, May 7**

Chapel Service, 11.00. Preacher will be Dean Robert R. Wicks, '04.

## Interclass Songs Chosen for Sing

With the interclass sing less than two weeks away, the four classes have been holding daily rehearsals to get their offerings in shape for the contest. The sing this year will be a highlight of sub-freshman week-end, which takes place on May 12-14.

The Hamilton song required of all classes this year will be "Fair Hamilton," written by Calvin Lewis, '90, late professor of public speaking on the Hill.

Sam Lake, who will lead the seniors, has chosen "Carissima" as the optional Hamilton number, and "Dartmouth Twilight" as the third selection. The seniors go into the contests as the defending champions.

The juniors have chosen Al Grokoest as their leader. They will present "Oh, Hamilton" and "Mule on the Mount" as their optional selections. The latter is a round.

"We Come To Hang Our Banners On Triumphant Walls" and "Studentland" will be the numbers sung by the sophomore class, under the leadership of Joe Mangan. "Studentland" is a translation of a well-known German song.

The freshmen have chosen as director for their initial sing Tom O'Donnell, first tenor in the college choir. They will render a class song, recently completed by members of the Class of 1942. Their other optional number will be "John Piel".

The interclass sing is one of the highlights of the Spring term at Hamilton. It is one of the best attended events which is produced on the campus.

### Cowley Addresses P-T-A In Clinton This Evening

President Cowley will speak tonight to the annual meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Clinton High School. This will be his first appearance before local residents since he assumed his present office.

Dr. Cowley will speak on the subject, "What is Personality?"

## Band to Present Concert Tonight

The Hamilton College Band, under the direction of Samuel L. Lake, '39, will present an outdoor concert this evening at 8:15 on the Hill campus. This will be the first time that the band has given a concert in the open air. The group of forty-five pieces will perform on the lawn in front of the library. In case of rain the concert will take place in the Hall of Commons. The octet will also participate at this occasion.

This will be the next to last public performance of the band this year, the last taking place during the graduation ceremonies.

In an attempt to eliminate all previous difficulties, the group reorganized completely during the past few weeks, electing an Executive Committee, composed of one senior and two men each from the other three classes.

**Previous Performances**

The band has played at all home football games this year, and at the Union game in Schenectady. For the fall house-party game the band received new uniforms, which added to the color of the game. At the inauguration of President Cowley this group reached its peak, and received numerous compliments from the alumni. The band also presented a Christmas concert in the Hall of Commons which was particularly well received.

Sam Lake, who graduates in June, will be conducting tonight for the last time. As yet no new leader has been appointed.

## Student Council Elects Officers

The Student Council, at its recent weekly meeting, elected the officers who are to serve during the year 1939-1940. Murray Gardner, of Watertown, is chairman William Davis, of Rye, vice-chairman; and Wesley Sprague, of Rome, secretary.

This organization has not sufficient time to form any definite plans for the coming year. At present, the drinking situation is the main problem facing the Council. A report of some kind will be presented to the student body in the near future after definite action has been decided on.

### Dr. Shepard to Rest Until Fall Term Opens

Professor William P. Shepard, ill for about two weeks, is now recovering from his sickness. However, it has been considered advisable that he not attempt to return to active teaching duty this term. His classes will continue to be taught by Messrs Fling, Howland, and Gordon.

Prof. Paul A. Fancher returned last Thursday to his teaching and choir instruction, following a two weeks illness from a severe streptoccocus infection of the throat.

Prof. H. S. Brown, also confined by illness, returned to his teaching duties this week.

# Varsity Divides Openers, To Play at Cooperstown

## Cooperstown Game to Highlight Diamond Season

## DATE SET IS MAY 9

### University of Rochester to Oppose Continentals on Doubleday Field

**By Edward N. Main**

On the site of the origin of baseball and in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the national pastime, the Hamilton College varsity squad will meet with University of Rochester nine on May 9.

The game will mark Hamilton's contribution to the centennial anniversary which the historic little village of Cooperstown is sponsoring throughout the summer months as a tribute to the memory of Col. Abner Doubleday, founder of the game.

Seldom, if ever, has Hamilton played on such an occasion and amid such surroundings. A visit to Cooperstown a fortnight ago revealed that plans for the celebration are going ahead at full speed and that Cooperstown and its residents fairly bubble with enthusiasm over the distinguished teams of college, high school and professional ranks which are to visit there. Baseball is in the air, and righly so, because Cooperstown has been making plans to entertain Hamilton College, Rochester University, and other teams for over a year.

**Work on Field Rushed**

Two weeks ago, the baseball park in which the games will be played was not finished, but WPA labor working under the largest single daily grant of money given to a like project was rushing the job, and all will be in readiness for the opening day, May 6, when two preparatory school teams play.

The grandstands completely surround the field and will seat 10,000 people. The diamond itself is grass and was laid out by a big league official. The center field stands are back far enough so that home runs in that direction will be few and far between.

Hamilton's game with Rochester will celebrate Ladies' Day and will be the second game to be played on the new field. The grandstand seats behind home plate will be fifty cents each, but all other seats will be only forty cents each. Tichets will be available in the office of the News Bureau within a few days.

**May 9** will be a red-letter day in Cooperstown for more than one reason and to more than one person. Cooperstown is the residence of two strong Hamilton alumni who were outstanding pitchers on Buff and Blue nines. Harold E.

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### *Scholastic Warnings Show Big Increase In Recent Report*

The recent scholastic warnings to underclassmen posted by the faculty show a big rise over those released six weeks ago. At that time 433 hours were listed. The total number of hours now being failed by the two lower classes totals 602. This is the highest to be recorded in recent years.

The freshmen are below passing in 419 hours compared with 183 for the sophomores. In March the figures showed 336 for the class of 1942 and only 97 for the sophomores.

## 9 Hill Debaters At State Meeting

Two of the nine Hamilton delegates to the State Debate Assembly held last Friday and Saturday were elected to chairmanships of major committees. W. Allenby Jones, '39, headed the tax committee, and Oliver E. Treyz, '39, the education committee. The assembly, with two hundred representatives from twenty-six colleges of New York State, was held at Cornell University, Ithaca.

On Friday the three major committees met to draw up bills to be presented the next day to the entire assembly. Jones was chairman of the committee which was assigned to consider the problem of futher taxation in New York State. The bill drawn up provided for an increase in luxury taxes. It was passed by the assembly on Saturday. Treyz's committee discussed the question of adding fifth and sixth years to New York high schools at public expense. The bill presented was laid on the table by the assembly.

**Other Delegates**

Harry J. McCormick, '40, made the nominating speech for Jones, while Robert W. Towner, '41, presented Treyz's name to the assembly. Other delegates from Hamilton were John L. Carter, '39; and Murray D. Shepp, Ralph E. Hansmann, William E. Griffith, and T. Litchfield Howe, all of the Class of 1940. The men were accompanied by Prof. Francis E. Mineka of the public speaking department.

The coaches' conference of the New York State Debaters Council will meet at Hamilton on October 7. Thirty-five coaches from about twenty-five colleges have accepted the invitation extended by Prof. Mineka to use the Hill campus for their next session.

## Better Weather Aids Work on New Gym

With the coming of better weather, the work on the new gymnasium is progressing rapidly. The actual erection of the framework of the building, according to the superintendent in charge, is scheduled to begin at the end of this week.

The general excavation, which is at last nearing completion, was greatly hampered by the continual rain. It was impossible to use the heavy tractors because of the deep mud.

At present, the work is about a month behind schedule. No difficulty, however, is anticipated by the superintendent in the completion of the gym before the deadline of May 1, 1940 fixed by the

The plan for the foundation of the structure is different from that used in the construction of

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## Haverford Downed 4-0; Hilfinger Pitches, Hits Homer

### UNION WINS 10-7

### Contest Becomes Slugfest In Closing Innings As Defense Fails

The 1939 Hill diamond forces got off to an auspicious start at Haverford Saturday when they shut out the Red and Black, 4-0, behind the brilliant three-hit pitching of Marty Hilfinger. The rangy southpaw hurler had the situation under complete control throughout, striking out six opposing batsmen and issuing only three passes, while his mates gave him fine support in the field. Hilfinger also led the Continentals at the plate with a home-run and a single. Art Petronio and Bill Davis also connected twice each, one of Davis' bingles going for two bases.

Tuesday Union visited the Hill and edged out the Continentals 10-7, in a sloppy game. The game was evenly-contested until the seventh inning, when Union staged a seven-run splurge to sew up the contest. Prior to that scoring spree, Hamilton led from the first inning. Numerous errors by both teams in the later stages slowed up the game considerably.

The Buff and Blue started off with a bang in their half of the first, when a double by Jack Williams, a single by Art Petronio, and an error by the Union shortstop sent two runs across the plate. Two scoreless innings then followed, in which only thirteen men came to bat on both sides. In the third inning, with one away and a man on second, Bill Davis ran back into deep center field to snare a long fly and doubled the runner off second with an accurate throw. In the following stanza, Union combined a single with two Hamilton errors to chalk up a score. In the sixth they threatened again when the first two batters connected for infield hits. But Bob Williams, who had taken over the mound duty for the Continentals in the fifth frame, nipped one runner off second with a quick throw to Captain Bill Town-

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## Bacon Given Renwick Biology Scholarship

The faculty at its regular meeting on Monday approved the nomination of Robert L. Bacon, '40, to receive the Renwick Prize Scholarship in biology, named six seniors to the Clark prize oratory contest, and approved changes in the curriculum for next year.

The Renwick prize is awarded every year to a student excelling in biology, permitting him to study for the summer at Woods' Hole, Massachusetts. Bacon has majored in biology during his three years at Hamilton. Some of his research work is described in this issue.

The six members of the graduating class who will participate in the Clark prize contest on June 10 are: Arthur R. Batts, Andrew M. Canterbury, John R. Carter, Frank D. Littell, Frank W. Merritt, and Oliver E. Treyz.

Three new courses will be added to Hamilton's curriculum next term. A history of philosophy and religion known as Ethics 3-4 will be offered. Mathematics 11-12 will make its bow as an introduction to higher geometry. The third new course is Political Science 3-4. It will deal with legislation and public administration.

## *Worms Lead Gay Life at Hamilton; Student Works with Tiny Wigglers*

Did you know that we breed worms at Hamilton? Well, we do. Just ask Bob Bacon, about it. By chance your correspondent found out that Bob, with his little wrigglers, is working under the supervision of Dr. Hess. The fundamental idea behind it all, he said, is to obtain a better idea of the higher forms of life from a study of this lower form.

"Well, what exactly are some of the things you are doing?" we asked him.

In a way, that was hard for him to answer, but he did the best he could. He said that the most interesting of all his attempts have been those to transplant parts of one worm to another. He has taken tissue from a young worm and grafted it onto an older one to see if the tissue would attain the age of the older.

"Yes," he said, "these worms are tough little things. Why, I once cut the head off one, and he died only five days later,—and then because of starvation." Since he had now begun talking, your correspondent could take it easy. "Do you know," he continued, "that a worm has five hearts? With these five hearts he can keep up a more regulated flow of blood than the human being."

He went to the closet and took out a small jar filled with some black earth. Taking the cover off the jar he solemnly asked, "Would you like to meet Hector and Andromache?" It was thrilling to think that these two aristocratic worms had condescended to meeting such a nobody.

In conclusion your correspondent asked what Bob's ambition had been as a little boy. "To be a snake charmer," he said.

By the way, did you fellows know that it won't hurt you to swallow a worm? Here's your chance to put Hamilton on the map.

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## A STATEMENT OF POLICY

As we take over the reins of this publication to guide it through the coming year, we naturally feel a sense of great responsibility—a responsibility not only for the sucesssful management of the paper itself but for the maintainance of the position of the paper as an important and necessary part of the college community. It is considered advisable, therefore, to give the readers a general outline of the policy the editors will pursue.

The majority of modern newspaper editorials are written in a mood of condemnation and tend to harm rather than to help the activity concerned. It will be the policy of this paper to devote its editorial columns as much as possible to constructive criticisms and suggestions for improvement, rather than to destroy confidence in any phase of college life.

The editors hope to continue the gradual improvement in the physical appearance of the paper. We are aware of criticisms of the present format of LIFE and expect to profit from them. There will not, however, be any major changes in the present makeup.

One of our fondest hopes is that we can give our readers a fair amount of news each week instead of the monotonous rehashing of old events. This can only be effected by the establishment of a cooperative agreement between LIFE and those member of the faculty and the student body who make news.

There is no problem of censorship at Hamilton. Nor is there the probability of the establishment of any type of censorship in the near future. It does our independence good, therefore, to be able to say as every member of the free American press has a right to say: We will tolerate no censorship other than that dictated by good taste!

There are as many disappointments and failures ahead of us as there are successes. We will run into snares and commit blunders as often as we triumph. But the one motivating force behind all of LIFE'S activity will be to do the utmost to help President Cowley, the faculty, the alumni, and the student body in the ever increasing effort to bring Hamilton to the top in its educational class.

## INTERCLASS SING

For the past three years, the class of 1939 has been the only group to make a favorable showing at the interclass sing. This year, the seniors, too, are lax and slovenly in their preparations for one of Hamilton's newest traditions.

Any group of men can sing if its members have the inclination and ambition to sacrifice a few pleasures in order to rehearse together. This year's Sing leaders seem to think that the cause of this prevailing lack of interest is due in part to the general low ebb of college spirit. College activities are in a fine state of stagnation when the members of the eleven different groups on the campus become so cloistered that they are not willing to cooperate in upholding one of the finest and best traditions of the college.

Many alumni and friends of Hamilton came from distant places to hear the four classes sing in competition. This year, the Sing is supposed to be one of the highlights of the sub-freshman weekend on May 13. Men whom it will be valuable to impress with as many virtues of the college as possible will be on the campus to attend the Sing.

If only a handful of men continue to attend rehearsals, however, it would be far better to give up the idea of an interclass Sing than to have four groups of would-be singers awkwardly mutter and stumble their way through an unfamiliar song in the presence of an important but disappointed audience.

## Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Rev. John Alison, D.D., '92, died at his home in Holyoke, Mass., on April 15, after an illness of a year. He had resigned last May as pastor of the Holyoke Presbyterian Church. Hamilton conferred upon him the D.D. degree in 1908, while he was a pastor in Pittsburg. He was a member of the Emerson Literary Society. Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., '96, of Bridgeport, Conn., is a brother.

Rev. Z. W. Commerford, '96, secretary of the Eastern Division of the General Welfare League of America, addressed public meetings in Utica and Clinton on April 26 and 27, and spoke over station WIBX on April 26.

A Scribner publication of April 27 was "One Generation and Another" by Robert Russell Wicks, '04, dean of the Chapel at Princeton University.

Professor Arthur J. Mix, Ph.D., '10, chairman of the department of botany in the University of Kansas, has been granted leave of absence for the coming academic year and will sail in June for Sweden, where the summer will be spent. Later he will go to England. During his absence Dr. Mix plans to do work in connection with a course in medical mycology which he has recently added to his university program.

The annual Bulletin of the Archaeological Institute of America has just appeared under the editorship of H. Theodric Westbrook, '22, general secretary of the Institute. The Bulletin contains, among other reports, one by Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt, '20, as representative of the Institute on the Aemerican Council of Learned Societies.

Dr. Curtis D. Vail, now a member of the faculty of the University of Buffalo, has accepted a call for the coming year as head of the department of Germanics in the University of Washington at Seattle.

Ralph E. Van Alstine, '36, who has been teaching at the University of Colorado, has received an appointment as assistant in geology at Princeton University, where he will study for the doctor's degree.

James T. Dunn, '36, has been elected president of the graduate students of the School of Library Science of Syracuse University. He is one of the honor students of the class and has been chosen a member of Pi Lambda Sigma, national honorary and professional society.

The engagement of Miss Evangeline Dorothy Guhsé, sister of Mott P. Guhsé, '38, to Charles W. Truesdell, '38, has been announced. Miss Guhsé attended Wells College, and is now a student at Columbia University. Mr. Truesdell is attending the Harvard School of Business Administration.


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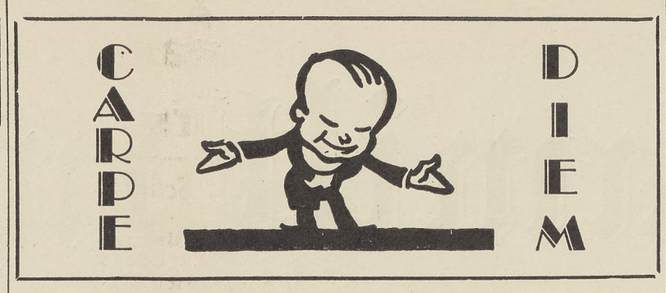


The "Mystery of the Hidden Words" for last week's issue was first officially "unmysteried" by that master mind among men, that prince among Phi Betes, and that scholar among students: W. Allenby Jones. His entire investigation was completed by 1:27 a. m. after about 4 flustered hours of research, and included a complete record for posterity, a treatise on the censorship of the press, and a request for more puzzles. This week's puzzle is a little harder to decipher, but the content is very much more juicy. It's great to be educated, so go to it!

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**J. Perry (Bustah) Barker is about to Mercury it. Odds have risen to a consistent 320 to 7 that the first fender goes within a half hour after he gets behind the wheel. There are still suckers who are taking the short end, just on the chance he might get a flat or something, but this group is rapidly decreasing in number.**

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Mr. Stevens, of the Psi U Stevenses, is going to have to uproot his pet newts from the House bathtub before the arrival of the fairer sex causes a crisis in the "Hall of the Head Hooter."

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**Member's of Prof. Brown's Math 1-2 were content to just flunk Casey Bornman's popular quizzes until they found out the in chem 4 he divided 24.75486 into 24.75486—and got 7. Now the class is quizzing Casey.**

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The halls of Hamilton are gradually beginning to resound with fame of the island of Mu, from whence sprang all of the cultures of the world. Of course, no one has the foggiest idea where it could have disappeared to, but Roxy thinks it certainly has, with simply thousands of trilobites. Latin 4 has petitioned that it be placed on the reserve shelf, either in book or tablet form, but as yet have received no reply other than acedemic discussion.

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**"Fireball" Root, while warming up on the Chipsi front lawn for the softball battle against the Dekes, let loose his $20,000 arm to the tune of a $20.00 bay window. And then it would have been a ball, high on the outside corner.**

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House Party Flashes—

Speaking of figures, more than 201 females of the fairer sex are soon to be amongst us, but even then, certain of our more esteemed brethern will be dateless.

"Pot-Pot" Barden, the Penn Yan flash, couldn't even get a buzz with all those 5 pictures on his desk, but says he really didn't want a date anyway.

H. B. the T. is off being off being off being off being off women for life again. You figure it out—We can't. Here he has l. w. (legal wheels) and no date. Questionnaire form No. 24A38560B was returned in good shape from Jenkintown, showing that she preferred fried egg-plant to pemican toast, that she could put up a good game of battleship, and that she loved to ski at 6 in the morning, but she couldn't come.


"Why Are These Trees Being Cut Down?"
Whoever wrote that note, let it be known to him that the trees were dead. Why was he trespassing?
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## Fraternity Notes

By Bob Brennan, '41

Five houses have recently held their spring elections, placing in office the men who are to serve for the coming year. The Alpha Delts have elected Henry Eagle, Jr., '40, to the presidency, and F. Hamilton Gouge, '40 to the vice-presidency. The Chi Psis have elected Francis C. Beakes, '40, and George E. Ogilvie, Jr., '41; the Theta Delts, William E. Barlow, '40, and Mansfield E. Picket, '40; the Lambda Chi's Richard C. Missbach, '40, and Charles D. Keane, '40; and the Tekes, George Phair, '40, and Stephen T. Remis, '40.

Arthur A. Batts, Jr., '39, and George R. Puckhafer, '40, were elected by the E. L. S's at spring vacation time to serve for the remainder of the year.

Some of the fraternities are making special preparations in one way or another for the Spring Parties. After several days of hard labor, preparing the surface of their driveway, the Sig's have had it covered with gravel. The Alpha Delts have had their game room done over in cream and baby blue, and are rushing the renovation and purchase of furniture to equip the room before Friday.

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# Tennis Squad Drops First Meets to Colgate, Rochester

## Buff and Blue Rallies To Take Doubles; Male, Abbey Star

The Hamilton tennis team got off to a bad start by dropping its first two matches. The Hillmen lost in the opening game of the season to Colgate with a score of 9-0. In last Saturdays meet with Rochester, Hamilton began the game by dropping five out of six single matches, and then partially redeemed themselves by taking the three doubles matches. The meet ended with a score of 5-4 in favor of the visitors.

Playing against the most formidable man of the opposing team, Erickson, number one, lost to Chapin in a hard fought contest by a score of 4-6, 2-6. Abbey the number two man put up much more resistance, and finally lost his match to Roberts of Rochester by a score of 3-6, 6-2, 3-6. Abbey played a beautiful game and might have been victorious if he had had more practice. Harder then dropped his match to Drake by a score 3-6,4-6. Male in his bout with Rochester's Wall played an outstanding game, only losing after turning in a score of 7-5, 4-6, 1-6. In the next match Phelps of Hamilton won the only singles victory for the Hillmen by defeating McLaughlin by a score of 6-4, 6-3. In the last singles match Warfield lost to Woods with a final count 3-6, 1-6.

In the doubles Hamilton very definitely outclassed their opponents. Erickson and Abbey downed Rochester's one and two men, Chaplin and Roberts, to the tune of 10-8, 6-3. McClenathen and Male in a fast match then defeated Drake and Wall by a score of 8-6, 6-3. In the final and most hotly contested match, Bate and Pugsley defeated MsLaughlin and Woods with a final count of 8-6, 4-6, 7-5.

Abbey played consistently good tennis both in the singles and doubles events, and should be one of the big point makers of the season. Male, by his very strong playing in both events, showed that with additional practice he should become a serious threat to any of Hamilton's future oppoents. Although he played only in the doubles matches, Bate turned in an excellent game for so early in the season, and should be responsible for a great number of points in the future.

On May 20, when Hamilton will again meet Rochester, Hamilton should win the match with ease. Those in the know also feel that with all the practice that the team is having this week, the Hillmen should have no difficulty in subduing Union in this Saturday's game.

### Frosh-Colgate Tennis Off, Golf Team to Meet Union

The scheduled freshmen tennis match between the yearling outfits of Hamilton and Colgate was postponed this afternoon.

The freshman golf squad will get its first intercollegiate golf test here Saturday when Union sends its first year squad to compete on the Tompkins course.

## *Athletic Trust Fund Injury Claims Are Due June 1*

According to a notice released on Monday, all claims to the Athletic Trust Fund by undergraduates injured in athletics during the year must be in the hands of the executors of the fund before June 1. In addition, these claims must be in the form of receipted bills from the doctor who treated the injury.

The executors to whom the bills may be given are: Richard Farrell, E. L. S.; Sam Lake, D. K. E.; Murray Gardner, D. K. E., or Martin Hilfinger, Psi U.

## 1940 Takes Two-Day Interclass Track Meet

In preparation for the first intercollegiate track meet of the year to be staged here on Saturday afternoon, the members of the varsity and freshmen track squads engaged in an interclass meet on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Led by Bruce Sisson and Bernie Maloy, the juniors won the meet with ease. The sophomores were second and the freshmen and seniors trailed in that order.

Maloy showed his fine form of last year in winning the 100 and 200 yard dashes. Bill Eddy, '41, was also a double winner, handily beating large fields in the quarter and a half mile events. Sisson's double victory came in the high jump and low hurdles. In the field events, Ham Dodge, Murray Gardner, George Nevin, and Phil Leavenworth all took first places.

On Thursday Tex Bramley, '39, led the mile run all the way to the tape. The Underwood twins staged a unique race in the two-mile event on Friday. They ran a dead heat.

## Freshman Teams Practicing Daily

With freshmen golf and tennis candidates reporting for their first practice, the yearling's spring sport teams are in full swing.

Coach Gelas is giving his frosh candidates a workout to pick twelve men to play the Colgate Frosh in a practice tournament here Wednesday afternoon. These twenty men have turned out so far: Arnold, Auerbach, Appleton, Bennitt, Chandor, Deck, Dale, Dunnigan, Elder, Gould, Deck, Henderson, Hollenbeck, Godsell, Lutz, R. Leavenworth, McClung, Marshall, D. Smith, Wightman and Kitchell.

Coach Prettyman gave his freshman golf squad a practice session with his varsity men Saturday afternoon. Bally, Keefe, Doremus, Gawler, Sheridan, Snyder, and Swallen played for the frosh.

The interclass track meet last week gave Coach Winters an opportunity to size up his frosh track men. Those who made good showing for the yearlings were Lindley in the sprints, Williford in the mile, Appleton and Freemeyer in the high jump, Fred Taylor in the weights, and Leonard and P. Leavenworth in the pole vault. Two meets are scheduled for Coach Winter's freshmen. On May 12-13, a telegraph meet will be held with the Oberlin freshmen. A meet with Cazenovia Seminary will take place here on May 19.

Coach Weber is still drilling his frosh candidates but as yet, he is making no predictions for his charges.

### Cowley Suggests Moderation In Houseparty Bacchanalism

President W. H. Cowley, who returned yesterday from a trip to St. Lawrence County, asked for sobriety in drinking at the coming houseparty in a chapel talk this morning. He maintained that such conduct would be a great factor in determining the future policy of the college administration in connection with the pending liquor question.

# Golf Team Defeats Syracuse In First Dual Meet of Year

## Giffin, Gilmore, Bush And Rogers Star; Team Wins 5-4

Led by captain Johnny Giffin, Hamilton's golf team came through with a victory over Syracuse University on Monday afternoon by a score of 5 and 4. The matches were played on the Tompkins course.

Last Friday, the golfers opened their 1939 intercollegiate season when they played in an intercollegiate invitation tournament at Syracuse. Giffin, Walt Rogers, Tommy Bush, and Harry Gilmore represented Hamilton and finished sixth out of the eleven colleges. Eighteen hole scores for the four men were: Giffin, 182; Gilmore, 174; Rogers, 174; and Bush, 169.

On Monday, Giffin and Rogers led the golfers from Syracuse and Hamilton with scores of 73. Bush closely followed with a 74, while Anderson and Pawlowski of Syracuse and Gilmore also broke 80. The team scores for the Syracuse meet are:

Giffin defeated Anderson, 2 and 1.

Gilmore defeated Pawlowski, 2 and 1.

Best ball, Syracuse, 1 up.

Rogers defeated Knabb, 3 and 2.

Bush defeated Rhodes, 4 and 3.

Best ball, Hamilton, 1 up.

Perna defeated Miller, 7 and 5.

Naylor defeated Gadbaw, 5 and 4.

Best ball, Syracuse, 2 and 1.

## *Softball Schedule*

Wednesday evening — Lambda Chi vs. Theta Delts; Tekes vs. Alpha Delts.

Thursday evening—Sigs vs. Chi Psi; Psi U's vs. Lambda Chi.

Monday evening—E. L. S. vs. Tekes; D. U.'s vs. Dekes.

## Track Men Meet R.P.I. Saturday

Scheduled to meet a strong R. P. I. track team here on Saturday, the Continental track men are apparently 15% weaker than last year. The Engineers are better than they were last year when they beat the Hill squad.

Coach Art Winters has no experienced hurdlers or distance runners to challenge the visitors. Red Sisson is the outstanding Hamilton pole-vaulter and high-jumper. R. P. I. has a strong squad to enter these events. Madden, a sophomore, is the Engineers best all-round trackman.

Both teams were handicapped by rain early in the season, but the conditions now point to favorable weather. Last week R. P. I. beat Middlebury 77-45.

### Squires, D.U.s Victorious In Softball Competitions

With four games already completed the annual interfraternity softball battle has successfully been started.

Monday the Lower Squires swamped the Psi U's 11-3 and the D. U.'s came from behind to beat the Sigs 12-9. Tuesday night the E. L. S. team had a field day at the expense of the Upper Squires beating them 22-6. The Dekes, behind the one-hit pitching of Bob Forbush, shut out the Chi Psi's 7-0.

Harry J. Kolb, '40, Assistant Baseball Manager, is in charge of the tournament. Kolb arranges the schedules, officiates at the games, and reports the results for the coaches.

### HAVERFORD DOWNED—

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er, and the other was left stranded on first as Davis nabbed a fly and Bill Joy raced over near the third-base bleachers to make a sensatioal catch of a foul fly.

The Union half of the seventh, however, proved to be Hamilton's Waterloo. Seven Garnet players scored in that rally.

**Haverford Game**

After the first three frames had passed with no score for either team, "Butch" Petronio grounded out to short to open the fourth. Walt Roider was hit by one of Palmer's stray slants and took first base. He went to second on Hilfinger's infield out, and scored as Davis punched out a sharp double to left field. Bill Kirk flied out to center to end the inning. In the fifth canto the Hillmen went down in one, two, three order, but the sixth proved to be their big inning of the day. The first man up, Jack Williams, reached second on a wild throw by the Haverford catcher. Petronio then grounded out, seconded to first, Williams taking third on the play. Roider crossed up the opposition with a beautifully executed "squeeze" bunt, scoring Williams. Hilfinger then ambled to the platter and smacked his round-tripper. Davis singled, and Kirk was safe on an error, taking second on a wild throw, while Davis pulled up at third. He scored a moment later for the fourth and final tally of the afternoon (on a passed ball). Kirk meanwhile advanced to third where he was stranded.

So completely did the southpaw slants of Hilfinger baffle the Main Liners, that only two of them reached third base during the entire game. And both of these managed to get that far only through a couple of momentary lapses by the Hill defense.

The game with Swarthmore, to have been played on Friday, was postponed because of heavy rains.


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## COOPERSTOWN GAME—

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"Butch" Fowler, captain of the 1938 squad will be rooting for the Hill nine, while Ralph Perry, a Hamilton graduate in 1922 and likewise an ace pitcher will also be on hand for the game.

President W. H. Cowley will also be in Cooperstown on that day and is scheduled to speak before the Cooperstown High School of which Ralph Perry is principal.

Of special interest to baseball lovers will be the Hall of Fame, the national baseball museum where relics of the old game may be seen and bronze plagues of the immortals of the game line the walls. The building was especially designed for the purpose of housing the collection of trophies reflecting the history and development of the national game.

A 40-page souvenir program is also planned by the publicity committee, and wlil sell for twentf-five cents. Eight of the center pages will be devoted to write-ups, pictures, and information concerning Hamilton College and Rochester University.

## Rev. Williams, '09, Bases Sermon on 137th Psalm

"Sing the Song of The Lord", was the theme of the sermon given last Sunday by Rev. Richard J. Williams, '09, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Drawing his text from the 137th Psalm, Dr. Williams centered his sermon around the quotation, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

Remarking that song had always affected man's religion, the preacher made the point that man had always fallen back on the music of his religion in times of stress. The above quotation occurred in the Book of Psalms at the time when the 50,000 Jews of Zion were held in the famed "Babylonian Captivity". The speaker deplored the refusal of the Jews to sing; here, he claimed, was a golden chance to sing the song of the Lord where it was most needed. The proof of his point rested on the quotation "I would rather write a people's songs than its laws." Dr. Williams claimed that the laws would be formed naturally and wholesomely out of the song of the Lord itself.

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## PLATTER PATTER

By E. H. C.

Though it's somewhat late to do so, we nominate Artie Shaw for the Cinderella Man of the Year. His sensational rise in Swingdom is actually unparalleled: In four months he sky-rocketed from the financial straits of being $11,000 in the red to the position of top-money band today—he is now worth a minimum of $6,500 a week in theatres, $2,250 in radio (Old Gold) and a $1,100 guarantee on one-nighters.

It was only last fall that the Music Corp. of America let Shaw go because it became convinced that the bandman's future was dubious. He asked for his release and it was given him with dispatch. Now Shaw is considered at booking offices as one of the four top gold mines in the business. For revenue possibilities he rates in a class with Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and Larry Clinton.

Shaw got his original opportunity as a batonist from Rockwell-O'Keefe in 1937, when that office placed him in the Lexington Hotel, New York City. Things after that didn't pan out so well for him. His outfit then included strings. He couldn't make a go of it, and changed his style to conform with the demand for hot outfits. It was Charlie Shribman, of the Boston ballroom operating firm, that next took a chance on Shaw. Shribman built a band around him and spotted him into his state ballroom in Boston last spring, from where Shaw started to be heard as a coming name. Shaw's stipend from Shribman was $65 a week and that was only eight months ago. Soon afterwards Shaw's Blue Bird records began to click. It was his cutting of "Begin The Beguine" that helped build him to his present position. Then came the contract from Old Gold and the date at the Lincoln. It's been easy and rich sailing from then on.

Artie Shaw's orchestra is currently being mentioned for a major New York hotel spot next fall, either the Hotel New Yorker of the Pennsylvania, both of which are now under consideration. Tentative arrangement has the crew opening at the Penn Oct.3. For the Cinderella Man of Swingdom, Artie Shaw is without a rival.

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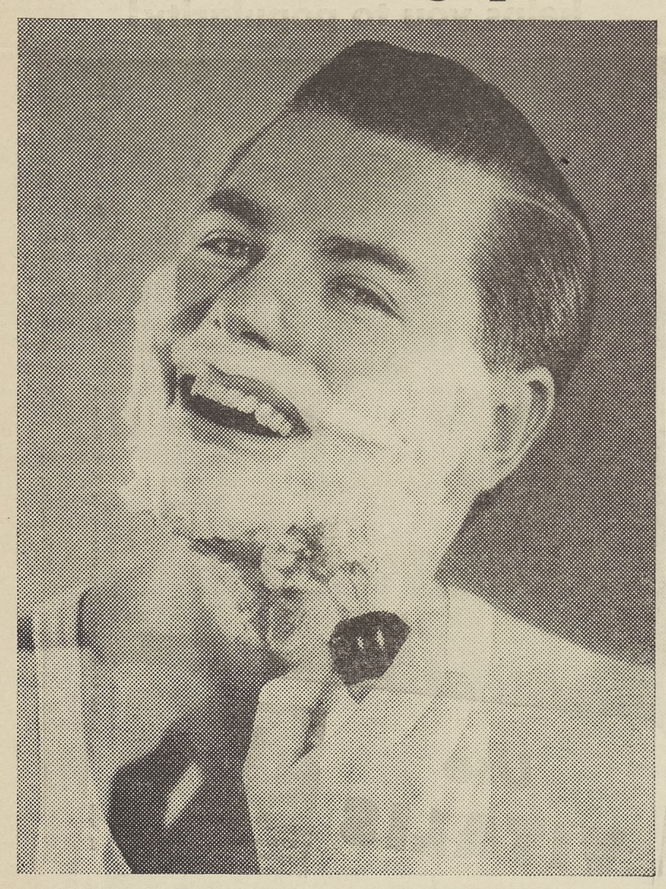

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